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The hon. Sir C. P. Ramaswami Ayyar :—" As stated in the answer, the resolution was not received. Apparently the copy of the resolution must have been mislaid in the Post office or somewhere else *en route*. But now that the hon. Member has made a responsible statement, I shall cause inquiries to be made as to whether the depressed classes were actually excluded in the manner alleged."

Mr. R. Veerian :—" Thank you, Sir. I have no objection to hand over this mahazar to the hon. Member later on."

Irrigation.

Baling cases in the channels of the Periyar system.

* 446 Q.—Mr. A. Chidambara Nadar : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether in cases where baling is allowed as a matter of practice in Periyar system, any penal assessment or any special rate is imposed ;

(*b*) if so, on what basis the assessment is raised ;

(*c*) whether the theory mentioned in connexion with the supplementary question to question No. 111, dated 5th February 1925, has been investigated by the Chief Engineer ; and

(*d*) the number of baling cases in the different channels of the Periyar system including Tenkasi channel ?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) All irrigation of dry lands whether by baling or not requires permission ; and if it is allowed, no penal assessment is charged—the charge is three-fourths of the ordinary water-rate.

(*c*) The Chief Engineer is still awaiting a report from the Superintending Engineer.

(*d*) 72.

Deputy Collectors.

Special Deputy Collectors to try revenue suits.

* 447 Q.—Mr. C. V. Venkataramana Ayyangar : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) on how many occasions Special Deputy Collectors have been appointed to try revenue suits from the year 1915 to 1924 ;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that all these officers were appointed to help only I.C.S. officers in charge of Revenue divisions ; and

(*c*) whether any one of these Deputy Collectors at any time helped as a matter of fact any Deputy Collectors in charge of Revenue divisions and, if so, how many and in what years ?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) Additional Deputy Collectors for the disposal of revenue suits are usually appointed with reference to the amount of such work in a district as a whole rather than in a particular division. The indexes therefore show only the districts where such officers are appointed ; and to compile the